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FM AMCONSUL LUANDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3969

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK/BIDEN

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1. I HOPE CODEL WILL BE ABLE TO GET HERE AND SEE THE PROBLEM ON THE GROUND. THE SITUATION IS SO VOLATILE, HOWEVER, WE MAY HAVE TO CANCEL OUT AT THE LAST MINUTE. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, A FULLY STAFFED ALTERNATE SCHEDULE SHOULD BE PREPARED.

2. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS:

A. CONTROL OFFICER IS THOMAS F. KILLORAN.

B. WE WILL BE ABLE TO RECONFIRM FLIGHT ONLY IF WE HAVE TICKET NUMBERS. OTHERWISE, WE WILL KNOW THREE DAYS BEFORE THE FLIGHT.

C. RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE HOTEL TROPICO.

D. A LARGE CONTINGENT OF U.S. AND EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS IS HERE, BUT THEY PROBABLY WILL BE GONE BY THE TIME CODEL ARRIVES. THERE ARE NO U.S. OR FOREIGN JOURNALISTS RESIDENT IN ANGOLA. THEOH ARE NO U.S. VOLAGS HERE.

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E. WORKING DAY BEGINS AT ABOUT 0900. BREAKFAST APPOINTMENTS

ARE NOT APPROPRIATE. LUNCH HOUR BEGINS AT ABOUT 1200 TO 1230
AND LASTS FOR TWO HOURS.

F. A LATE AFTERNOON COCKTAIL AND THEN DINNER WITH
SOMEONE ELSE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. CURFEW IS NOW 2400. IF IT
IS SET BACK TO 2100 HOURS AS MIGHT WELL HAPPEN, THE RESTAURANTS
AND HOTEL DINING ROOMS WILL CLOSE AT 2000 HOURS. FOOD AND HELP
ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY SO THAT MENUS ARE LIMITED.

G. DINNERS NORMALLY BREAK UP AT 2300. NOW, ALMOST NO ONE ENTER-
TAINS AT HOME AT NIGHT AND DINNER AT RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS
BREAKS UP WELL BEFORE THE CURFEW. MOST ENTERTAINING IS DONE AT
LUNCH SO THAT PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO BE OUT AFTER DARK.

H. THE WEATHER AT PRESENT IS COOL, HAZY AND OVERCAST. IT WILL
NOT RAIN DURING CODEL'S STAY IN LUANDA. SPRING WEIGHT CLOTHING
IS SUITABLE, ALTHOUGH A FEW DAYS RECENTLY HAVE BEEN MORE
LIKE FALL.

3. AS FOR MEETING PEOPLE, I SHALL BE HAPPY TO DO MY BEST.
KINSHASA WILL HAVE TO SEE ABOUT HOLDEN ROBERTO. FNLA OFFICIALS HAVE
GONE, BUT ONE. SAVIMBI OF UNITA COULD WELL BE IN LUSAKA,
TRAVELLING ELSEWHERE, OR IN NOVA LISBOA. ALMOST ALL UNITA
OFFICERS HAVE LEFT LUANDA. HOWEVER, AGOSTINHO NETO OF MPLA IS
HERE, BUT HE IS SEEING VERY FEW PEOPLE. I THINK HE WILL WANT TO
SEE CODEL. OTHER MPLA OFFICIALS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE. BISHOP
CARVALHO AND THE RELIEF AGENCIES WILL BE NO PROBLEM.

4. SEATS ON THE LUANDA TO KINSHASA RUN ARE NOT A PROBLEM, AT
THIS TIME AND I ASSUME THE SITUATION WILL HOLD UNTIL THE CODEL
VISIT.
KILLORAN

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